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REMARKS

Claims 1-38 are pending with claims 1, 12, 17, and 21-26 being independent. Claims 23, 24 and 26 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested in view of the amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Hussein A. El-chanti and Abdullahi Salad for kindly participating in an interview with applicants' representative on November 8, 2005, the substance of which is incorporated in the following remarks.

Independent claims 1, 12, 17 and 21-26, along with their dependent claims 3, 6-11, 13-16, 18-20, and 27-38 have been rejected under §102(e) as being anticipated by Tsimelzon (U.S. Patent No. 6,834, 306). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1, 12, and 17 each recite "instructing the *remote server* to generate an alert feed *in response to the remote server detecting the state change*" (emphasis added). Applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 12, and 17, and their dependent claims 3, 6-11, 13-16, 18-20, and 27-38, because Tsimelzon does not describe or suggest instructing a *remote server* to generate an alert feed in response to *the remote server detecting a change in state at the remote server.*

As stated in the response to the Office Action mailed on February 22, 2005, Tsimelzon describes a system that enables a user to specify certain web pages (and portions thereof) of interest, monitors the user-specified web pages (and portions thereof) by periodically accessing the web pages in accordance with a user specified notification frequency, and notifies the user if the contents of the web pages (and portions thereof) have changed in accordance with user-specified criteria. Specifically, a user designates a portion or block of a web page to be tracked, a notification frequency for that block (e.g., check for a change in the block contents every hour), and a notification condition (e.g., block B < $30). A server 120 retrieves a web page from a web page server 132, 134, 136 at regular intervals of time in accordance with the notification frequency (e.g., each hour), finds the block of the web page designated by the user for tracking, and checks whether the notification condition set by the user has been met (e.g., is block B < $30?). If the notification condition has been met (e.g., block B is less than $30), the server 120

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sends a notification to the user. See Fig. 18(b); col. 11, line 64 to col. 12, line 67. If the notification condition has not been met, the server 120 does not send a notification to the user.

The Office Action apparently equates web page server 132, 134, 136 to the claimed remote server. However, as is evident from Tsimelzon, web page server 132, 134, 136 does not detect a state change. Rather, web page server 132, 134, 136 merely and consistently replies to periodic requests from server 120 with web page information, without checking for or otherwise conditioning its response on state changes. Accordingly, the web page server 132, 134, 136, which the Examiner equates to the recited remote server, is not instructed to generate an alert feed in response to detection of a state change at the web page server 132, 134, 136.

Notably, the instructing element also is not met if server 120 of Tsimelzon is considered as the remote server, because server 120 is not instructed to generate an alert feed in response to detection of a state change at server 120. Rather, server 120 is instructed to generate and send a notification to a user in response to server 120 detecting a change in web page contents stored on web page server 132, 134, 136.

For at least these reasons, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 12, and 17, and their dependent claims 3, 6-11, 13-16, 18-20, and 27-38.

Claims 21, 22, 24, and 25 each recite "instructing the *remote server* to broadcast alert feeds *in response to changes of state at the remote server*" (emphasis added), and claims 23 and 26, as amended, each recite a host configured to "instruct the *remote server* to broadcast alert feeds *in response to changes of state at the remote server*" (emphasis added). For at least the reasons described above for claims 1, 12, and 17, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 21-26 because Tsimelzon does not describe or suggest instructing a *remote server* to broadcast alert feeds *in response to changes of state at the remote server*.

Claims 2, 4, and 5 have been rejected as being unpatentable over Tsimelzon in view of Atsmon (U.S. Patent No. 6,607,136). Claims 2, 4, and 5 depend from claim 1. Atsmon does not remedy the failure of Tsimelzon to describe or suggest instructing a *remote server* to generate an alert feed *in response to the remote server detecting a change in state at the remote server*.

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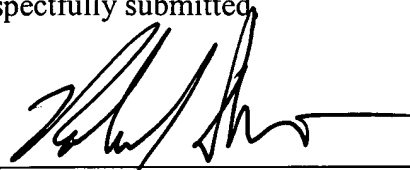Attorney's Docket No.: 06975-
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Accordingly, applicants request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 4, and 5.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance.

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